

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

## 505 East Avenue, York, NE 68467

Father Mark A. Tasler, Pastor

Father Jesuraj Savarimuthu Assistant Pastor

November 30, 2008

First Sunday of Advent

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**Mass Schedule**

For Sunday Obligation— Saturday 5:30 pm;  
Sunday 8:00 am & 11:00 am

**Weekdays & Holy Days** As published in the bulletin

**Confessions**

Saturday 4:00 pm—5:00 pm  
Weekdays 20 minutes before Mass;  
Thursday before First Friday 7-9 pm  
or by appointment

**Baptism**

Parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation class. This is recommended, and easiest to do before the birth of the child, but must be done before the baptism.

**Matrimony**

To assist those who plan to marry, all couples will be required to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation policy, which includes the FOCCUS and Engaged Encounter Programs. This requires a minimum of 4-6 months. Contact the pastor early to begin the marriage preparation process.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Individual celebration upon request prior to surgery or hospitalization

**Holy Communion**

For homebound and those recovering from illness, contact the Rectory.



### EDUCATION

**St. Joseph Catholic School** (Preschool– 8th Grade)

428 East Avenue—402-362-3021

**Office Hours:** 7:30 am—3:30 pm

**Head Teacher:** Anne Driewer

**Secretary:** Cindy Rowland

**C.C.D. Program**

In St. Joseph School, Preschool—8  
Sunday, 9:15 am—10:45 am.

**Godparent Program**

Religious education for youth in grades  
9-12, Wed., 7:30-8:30 pm.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
(RCIA)**

(For those interested in possibly joining the Catholic Church.) Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm in the Mandeville Hall. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**Adult Education**

Special classes throughout the year.  
Watch the bulletin for announcements.

### PARISH INFORMATION

**Parish Office** 362-4595

In the Rectory, 505 East Avenue,  
Office Hours 9:00 am—Noon, 1:00-4:00 pm, Mon.-Fri.

**Parish Secretary** Sue Svoboda

**Kitchen in Mandeville Hall** 362-3605

**Convent** 362-5860 Franciscan Apostolic Sisters

**Bulletin Deadline**

All material is to be submitted to the parish office by Thursday prior to the Sunday it is to appear.

**New or Moving Parishioners**

Please call the parish office to arrange an appointment with the Pastor to register in the Parish. Please call the parish office to notify us of any address change.

**Your Will** Ask your attorney to include remembrance of your Church and School in your will.

**Religious Vocations**

Any young woman interested in religious life, or young man interested in a vocation to the priesthood should contact your pastor. Please pray for vocations.

*For more details of Parish Groups or Committees and Parish Activities and Opportunities for Spiritual Growth, visit with our Priest and ask for a Parish Directory.*

Lay Ministry Assignments December 6/7, 2008

	<u>SATURDAY 5:30 PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 8:00 AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00 AM</u>
LECT	Bob Weiler	Orval Stahr	Dick Smith
ACOL	Dave Dickey	Mike Murphy	Dave Bartek
ACOL	Tom Huff	Abe Sladdens	Marc Haggadone
SERV	Ethan Wemhoff	Evan Neville	Michael Brune
SERV	Quint Wemhoff	Nathan Spellman	Jason Gloystein
SERV	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
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MUS			
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USHR	Allen Fangmeyer	Knights of	Dan & Brian
USHR	Michael Kirsch	Columbus	Klein
GRET	Teresa Smith	Kniights of	Mike & Cathi Murphy
GRET	Charlie & Helen Wempe	Columbus	Phil & Cindy Rowland
OFFR	Mick & Kelly Kirsch	Knights of Columbus	Bill Grenfell Family
ROSR	Kelly Kirsch	Maria Olsen	Dave Bartek

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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### INTENTION

Mon	Dec. 1	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Deceased Members of Daryl&Linda Wilton
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls of Eleanor Haley
Tues	Dec. 2	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls of Tom Walter
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls of Bob & Eleanor Weiler
Wed	Dec. 3	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Marlen Lubert+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls of Don Votava
Thu	Dec. 4	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Phoebe McCarthy+
		9:00 am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls of Richard Loveless
Fri	Dec. 5	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Special Intention Gordon & Teresa Steffen
<b>First Friday</b>		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Francis Jueden+
		10:30 am	Hearthstone	Intention of Celebrant
Sat	Dec. 6	8:00 am	Church	Special Intention (J.M.)
		5:30 pm	St. Joseph	Tom O'Brien+
in Spanish		7:00 pm	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
Sun	Dec. 7	8:00 am	St. Joseph	People of the Parish
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	Richard Erdkamp Sr.+
<b>Holy Day Vigil</b>		<b>5:30 pm</b>	St. Joseph	Pam Neville+

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS** Before First Friday, on Thursday, December 4 from **7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at 7:00 p.m. followed by some prayers. Confessions will be available between 7:00 and 7:50 p.m. followed with Benediction at 8:00. Please come spend some time in prayer before our Eucharistic Lord.

**CLOISTERED SISTERS COLLECTION.** May still be returned, please use one of the envelopes on the table in the church or mark your offering Cloistered Sisters Collection, (the Pink Sisters in Lincoln and the Carmelite Sisters in Agnew). The prayers and sacrifices of these sisters benefit the whole Lincoln Diocese, please be generous

**Commitment Sunday**...Thank You to all who returned their Time and Talent commitment sheets to help out with organizations or activities in our parish. Organizations will be given the list of names of those who indicated an interest and you will be contacted with information about being involved. Thanks to everyone for your participation in the ministry fair and for expressing your interest in giving of your time and talent to the Lord through our parish. You may still return your Time and Talent commitment sheet to the Church office or the collection basket next weekend.

### **FEAST of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE CELEBRATION**

Our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast Day de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe Celebration sponsored by the Catholic Daughters will be held Sunday, December 14 following the 11 a.m. Mass. A Mexican Dinner will be served in the Mandeville Hall - Adults \$5.00 and Children \$2.00 with proceeds to go to the Matt Talbot Kitchen and the Nebraska S.I.D.S. (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) Foundation in memory of Daniel Jesse Pluta. Plan to attend.

**HOLY DAY** - Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation which obliges all Catholics to participate in the Mass.

Masses: **Sunday 5:30 pm, Monday, 7:00 am and 8:10am.** Confessions will be heard 20 minutes before each Mass. **Please Note:** The Sunday night 5:30 p.m. Mass does **NOT** fulfill both your Holy Day obligation & your Sunday obligation. A Catholic needs to attend two Masses.

### **OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD**

November 23, 2008 were

Adult Envelopes .....	\$6,059.00
Plate .....	\$353.73
Youth .....	\$66.35
Mass in Spanish .....	\$59.70
Sister Support .....	\$257.00
School Support.....	\$1,035.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$7,924.03</b>

**CHURCH BUILDING FUND .....**\$2,225.00

# COME LORD JESUS

### **MEETINGS**

**Legion of Mary:** meets in the Mandeville Hall each Monday at 5:30pm.

**Knights of Columbus**...Regular monthly meeting, Monday, Dec.1 at 8p.m.

**Godparent Classes** - Meet on Wednesdays, 7:30—8:30 p.m.

**Adult Education Classes:** Thursdays at 7 p.m.—Mandeville Hall.

**Altar Society**— Regular monthly meeting, Friday, December 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Mandeville Hall.

**Scrapbooking.** Friday, December 5th, from 5—11 p.m. in the Mandeville Hall. For more information call Xann Linhart at 362-1469.

**Church Cleaning**...Next Saturday, December 6 (first Saturday of the Month) - beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Mandeville Hall. Men, women, youth—all are invited to help.

**C.C.D. Classes** are held on Sundays, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the School Classrooms.

**Parish Coffee & Rolls**...following the 8 a.m. Mass next Sunday, December 7 in the Mandeville Hall, hosted by the card club.

**Please Pray For:** James Rerucha, Dennis Kear, Larry Bowman Sr., Marites Pascua, Dorothy Kirkpatrick, Joan Mulinix, Viola Suing, Kayley Mae Gregg, Theresia VanOstrand, Cyndi Fagot, Luella Brinker, Michael Runyan, Susan Obispo, Carmen Beaver, Gina Geiger, Jodi Weiler, Mitch Wambold, Richard Eichmeier, Sonya Charlton, Fr. Larry Gyhra, Diane Thomas, Dennis Scamehorn, Dan Tuttle, Don Olsen, Dave Vasquez, Tim Devlin, Don Neville, Marietta Medinger, Tony Winter, Jerry Olson, Jim Berry, Mary Jo McGowan, Jerry Klein, Rachel Delaney, Bob Sylvester, Lucille Kuzelka, Roswitha Crissman, Margaret Geiger, Matthew Schmeekle, Mary Ann Hourigan, Ina Fae Homes, Nick Jacketti, Helen O'Brien, Edna Edgerley, William & Joan Runyan, George Zavodny Jr., Ione Liggett, Kathleen Roesener, John Olsen, Dennis Neville, Military Personnel, all the unborn children & their parents, pro-life legislation. If you or someone you know would like our parish family to join you in prayer for special needs, please contact the Rectory.

**Pray for the Dead**...Let us remember in our prayers: JoAnn Thompson Marlen Lubert ( father of Carmen McKenny), James Toombs, Gale Fox (father of Gayla Harre), Father Ron Patterson, Robert E. McDonnell, Mike Brink and Janet Rowland.

**Catholic Daughters**.. and families—Christmas Caroling, Sunday, December 7. Meet in Mandeville Hall at 1:30 to go caroling then return for a short meeting and hot chocolate & treats.

**St Joseph's Pitch Group**...will meet Sunday, December 7, for our Christmas party which will be catered by Kerry's restaurant and will immediately follow the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. Sunday. Reservations must be made by November 30th. Call Ardith Hinze 362-2527 or Lenora Larkin 732-6836. No cancellations after Dec. 1st.

**Food Pantry**...grocery sacks for Blue Valley donations will be passed out on the weekend of December 6/7 and returned the weekend of December 13/14.

**Flowers for the Christmas Altar**.....A beautiful way to decorate our Christmas altars is to order a poinsettia to remember your loved ones. To place orders, just find the flower pot in the narthex and fill in the information on the envelope. They are still only \$10 per plant! Turn in the envelopes to the collection basket on Sundays during Advent. Questions? Call Mary Beth Kunze 362-5861.

**4th Degree Knights of Columbus** ..will have their Christmas Party on December 14th at the Chances R restaurant. There will be a social hour starting at 5 p.m. with dinner to follow. Please RSVP by December 7th to Dean Fredericks at 362-6905.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**No School**...Monday, December 8— Holy Day

**Pre School Openings**.....Due to some student transfers, there is now one opening in the Little Angels Pre-school program for each of the classes. 4 year olds Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 3 year olds, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Mrs. Driewer at the school at 362-3021

**GIFT OF GRAIN:** With the harvest season under way, we want to remind our farmers of the benefits that may be available to them by a donation of grain to the parish. It will not only reduce your tax liability this year, but it would also be a wonderful gift to God for the blessing of the harvest; not to mention the welcomed support for the expenses of our parish. For more information, talk to the person who prepares your taxes or a financial Planner

**Without changing your Will**..... you can leave a gift to our parish. Designate our parish or other Diocesan charity as the beneficiary of all or a portion of your IRA or 401K. Your funds have grown tax free in your IRA or 401K, and your heirs could be taxed at a high rate when the funds are distributed. If you donate these funds, the money passes directly to our parish, tax-free. Contact your IRA or 401K plan administrator for a change of beneficiary designation form. Leave your Savings Account or Certificate of Deposit (CD) to our parish or other Diocesan charity. Simply change the beneficiary to make the Savings Account or CD payable upon death to the Diocesan Charity of your choice. The charity will receive the funds when you are deceased. For more information contact your financial institution. Contact me for help and additional options for planned gifts. Les Mach - Planned Giving Officer Diocese of Lincoln [les-mach@cdolinc.net](mailto:les-mach@cdolinc.net) or 402-443-3866

**Schedule for RETREATS:** Consider giving yourself or your spouse a gift in the form of a Retreat.

### December

5-7	Regnum Christi	"Challenge Girls"
11-14	Regnum Christi	Men
19-21	Fr. Peter Mitchell	Men & Women

You may call the Retreat House at 402-786-2705 or email [goodcounsel@cdolinc.net](mailto:goodcounsel@cdolinc.net) in order to make a reservation for one of these. The retreat begins on Friday evening at 8:15pm and ends on Sunday at 1:00pm. Brochures with the complete schedule are available in the pocket of the Retreat House display on the Church Bulletin Board.

**Seminarists**... Each week everyone in our diocese is asked to pray in a special way for one seminarian. This week will be for **Justin Fulton**.

## NEWS FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

**Creighton Model Fertility Care (NFP)** Monday, December 8 and Thursday, December 11 at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more information call 488-2040.

**Project Rachel**—for help and hope in healing from a past abortion, call Project Rachel at 1-800-964-3787. There are two flyers in the pocket of the Project Rachel display on the Church bulletin board that you may take for yourself or someone you know who may benefit from them.

**Choose Life** ... "Over more than two centuries of our national history, we Americans have been a people who have struggled to widen the circle of those for whom we acknowledge a common responsibility. This great trajectory in our national experience—that of inclusion—has been shattered by *Roe v. Wade* and its progeny. By denying an entire class of human beings the protection of the laws, we have betrayed the best in our tradition." (Henry Hyde, former U.S. Congressman)

**Divorced, Separated and Widowed**...Catholics are invited to a special Mass sponsored by the Family Life Office on Monday, December 1 at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Confessions: 7 p.m.—Mass 7:30 p.m. The presentation after Mass will be "Joy and Hope in Christ".

**Bless the Baby Jesus**...Saturday, December 13, 2008 10 a.m.! All families are invited to attend a beautiful Advent Service at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ. This service is designed to bring Jesus closer to the hearts of families and children. Families will receive a blessing from Bishop Bruskewitz and are encouraged to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their home nativity set to be blessed. A "swaddling clothes" collection of new or gently used baby items (blankets, sleepers, layette items, diapers, etc.) will be taken and given to Birthright. After the service, there will be a short reception in the church hall. For more information, contact Casie Otte at 420-0749.

**The Catholic Diocese of Lincoln** has an immediate opening in the Education Technology Department for a Student Intern. This is a part time position, open to students who will not graduate before May 2009. This person will assist in the repair of and deployment of desktop and notebook computers. Limited evening and weekend hours may be required. The position is paid, and is located in Lincoln. Send resume and letter of interest to: Administrative Coordinator; [jobs@cdolinc.net](mailto:jobs@cdolinc.net).

**CURSILLO WEEKENDS** -- Cursillo is an instrument of the Catholic Church, which has been granted canonical recognition by the Holy See, for the revitalization of Christian life. Cursillo involves a restructuring of our everyday lives through an ongoing program of prayer and sharing. The weekend begins on a Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening, and consists of talks given by priests and laity and celebration of the sacraments. Upcoming weekends are January 8-11, 2009, for the men, and January 15-18, 2009, for the women, both being held in Lincoln at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. For more information, contact Mark Pribyl, Lay Director for the Lincoln Diocese ([mpribyl@diodecom.net](mailto:mpribyl@diodecom.net); phone number: 402-641-7199) or your pastor. What a great way to start the new year!

**A Holy Land Pilgrimage**...to encounter the land Christ walked will take place August 2-13, 2009. Fr. Rand Langhorst will serve as Director in union with the sponsoring agency of Tekton Ministries ([www.tektonministries.org](http://www.tektonministries.org)). If you have any interest please contact Fr. Rand for a brochure by email at [otcerand@hotmail.com](mailto:otcerand@hotmail.com) or by mail to: Pilgrimage, St. Vincent DePaul Church, 152 Pinewood Ave., Seward, Nebraska 68434. Consider prayerfully this opportunity for your spiritual life.

**Marriage Help** – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the February 20-22, 2009 program being offered in Schuyler, Nebraska call 1-888-317-5654 or check the web site [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

**Found**...Pair of eye glasses (possibly children's). If you are missing yours, check in the sacristy during Mass times this week.